S/N 10/573,453 PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Customer No.: 23552 Confirmation No.: 2415

Title: DEVICE FOR JOINING PANELS

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: 7 DECEMBER 2009

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed July 6, 2009, said period of response being extended from October 6, 2009 to December 6, 2009 (extended to December 7, 2009 since December 6, 2009 falls on a Sunday).

Fees related to the submission of this paper are being charged to an authorized credit card in the amount of \$245 for a small entity.

Additionally, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in §§ 38 CFR 1.16 to 1.18 which may be required for entry of these papers or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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